

PUBLIC WORKS—BELGRADE-SPRING 2023—Notes 4/18/23 Selectmen Meeting

General Information----Video of April 18, 2023—Selectboard Meeting—((1:50:50 to 2:41:10))/3:33:12

- 1) End with the RFP will be end of June---**DEADLINE: June 16, 2023.**
- 2) **BOARD FINAL DECISION: On June 30th... do we move forward with PW or not (if we have a contractor)**
- 3) Conversations: Six or **eight towns** and cities plus **8-10 contractors**
- 4) **START UP DATE: Oct 1, 2024**
- 5) **Must start ordering and purchasing: July 1 to Aug 1—2023!**
- 6) Any contractor or the town will need **ONE YEAR to obtain new equipment.** With O'connors – the demand is so great that it will take one year to take trucks and without a discount.
- 7) GENERAL --HARD--FIGURES (BASED ON verbal CONVERSATIONS):
 - a. Need at least 4 trucks... (with one spare or back up that might be a subcontract)
-**USED trucks** must have a mechanic plus a spare (so total of 5=4 used and 1 spare)→
Warren Bro have 5 used trucks and use only 4 and ONE is parked! So about 13 miles per truck.
-**Four NEW trucks** will be \$ 1.3 to \$1.4 Million
 - b. Need at least 4 CDO driver for town...plus ONE back up @ \$25/hr start pay each
(about (\$200 to \$300K)/yr in wages)
 - c. Need **Building and land---that will add up another \$1 Million per recently completed projects in Augusta. Garage and power**
 - d. **So minimum CAPITAL COST will be \$2.5 to \$3 Million minimal.**
 - e. **Running and Operations of the Public Works will be about \$1 Million per year (current plowing will be roll in this!)**
- 8) RFP--- in general contractors... selected bidder, the bidder will immediately signed contract.
 - a. The present 2023 contract is about \$6.5K per mile per year.
 - b. In general, there are not may contractors that like to take on into plowing. Most of them are of retirement age and others that build business, their children do not want to take over it. **So, moving forward a PW might be eminent. Other towns have the same problem.**
 - c. Most likely the price per mile must likely will DOUBLE of the present cost... so possibly anything between **12K to 15K per mile** with the odds pushing towards 15K per mile. That when in the **Fall 2022 the projection was going to be 11K per mile! So, just for the plow contract ALONE we are talking about \$750K per year plus about \$250 on salt/sand.**
- 9) **Other considerations: Pick a lot o land that covers (big enough) the PW and the new Central Fire Station.** Presently there is a parcel of land closer to the Village. It is unfortunate that the State Garage is out of reach and not available. It will be advisable to appropriate a piece of land now and at worth case sale it later.
- 10) **There is a 45 days cycle** from the time the Board makes a decision to take the issue to an Emergency/Special town meeting.

11) Open till contractor is secured... NO... but rather till June 16. There is 30 days (versus 60 days— this is better) to keep bid numbers (hold bid price for budgeting purposes) till contact awarded/opening of all submitted bids---TO PROTECT BOARD in case not an immediate decision====so 30 days from bid opening. This bid process is open till contactor secure... but rather will be till June 16.